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My dear Gray

Since I wrote on Friday
I have examined your *Montadolphus*
and cannot make up my mind to
keep it up as a genus distinct from
Lygodermis In *Scorzonera* and
others of the group to which *Lygodermis*
belongs there are frequently 5 or 10 of
the setae of the pappus longer and
thicker than the others and in one
species of *Lygodermis* (*the spinicaus*
one) I find some of the setae thicker than
others and often 2 united together some
way up - similar unions of pappus
setae have been observed in various
tribes and have several times made

use of the found genera which to my
mind have proved always purely
artificial and only serving to separate
single species from natural genera
- except perhaps in the case of
Stechelia although there the character
is somewhat variable. *Chortadelphus*
is also so very much like *degodennus*
in all other respects that it would
require more than a slight paper
difference to reconcile me to its
admission. *Leucampyx* came but
just in time to insert it in the
Conspicua Generum which is its
type.

Yours ever sincerely
George Deakman

Of *Oryctes* we had a very good
specimen given by Nuttall to Mr. Wilkes